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SNAP is a program which mirrors the stateside Neighborhood Watch Program. The idea behind which is that you, as a member of your own neighborhood, are more "in tuned" with what goes on in your neighborhood. This means that you are better able to observe when something may seem "out of place" or "suspicious". Being a volunteer is as simple as taking a walk in your neighborhood, walking your dog, sitting out on your porch, mowing the grass, watching the children out on the playground, many of the things you already do, but all the while keeping a watch on the neighborhood. Step up and take a stand to keep your neighborhood safe by becoming a volunteer.

Whether you choose to take part in your neighborhood watch program or not, here is a short list of suspicious activity that we all need to be conscious of:

- •A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- •A scream heard anywhere.
- Anyone peering into parked cars.
- Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours.
- •A sound of breaking glass, car alarms, or loud explosive noises.
- Anyone forcing entrance to, or tampering with a residence, business or vehicle.
- •A beam from a flashlight either aimed into or from within a set of quarters, especially if the quarters are empty.
- Person (s) being forced into a vehicle. This could be an abduction.
- Anyone seen taking pictures or video of a US installation or US housing area.
- Any vehicle moving slowly and/or without lights on or following a course that appears aimless or repetitive in any location, pay particular attention to this in school, park, and playground areas, the vehicle occupant (s) may be looking for places to rob or burglarize, or they could be drug pushers or sex offenders.
- Person (s) sitting in a parked car, if it is an unusual hour they could be lookouts for a burglary in progress
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle, especially around schools or parks. It could mean a possible drug sale.

While any of the suspicious activities described above could have innocent explanations, the Military Police would rather investigate an innocent situation than to be called after a criminal or terrorist act has occurred, when it is too late. Your call could save a life, prevent an injury, or stop a criminal or terrorist act. Be Alert!

If you see or hear anything suspicious, contact your local Military Police or Host Nation Police:

For USAG - Chievres Military Police, Call 361-5301 / 068-27-5301

For USAG – Brussels Military Police, Call 368-9769 / 02 17-9769 For USAG – Schinnen Military Police, Call 360-7555 / 143 443-7555

